

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 6 to read as follows:

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6. (Amended) A universal hose clamp, as claimed in claim 4, wherein the securing means is a locking mechanism adapted to lockably engage the hose locating mechanism to the support structure, wherein the locking mechanism comprises a male and female member that are adapted to lockably engage.

Please add the following new claim 19:

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19. (New) A universal hose clamp, as claimed in claim 5, wherein the securing means is a locking mechanism adapted to lockably engage the hose locating mechanism to the support structure, wherein the locking mechanism comprises a male and female member that are adapted to lockably engage.